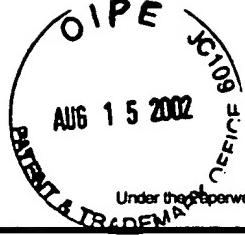


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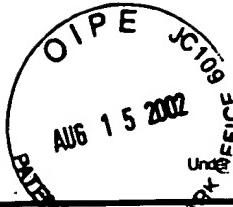
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, requesting an election of claims for examination purposes, Applicants elect Group II drawn to at least claims 16-30 without traverse. Also, Applicants request entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-15. Presented below are all amended claims in clean unmarked form. The claims in marked up form are presented as an attachment.

22. (Amended) The one-piece introducer of claim 21, further comprising:
a hinge located between the tube portion and the at least one finger tab portion.

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, Applicants amend the application and seek further consideration thereof. In this response Applicants amend claim 22. Claim 22 has